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SUBJECT: US-ITALIAN BILATERAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP
(EWG): SUB-GROUP ON NATURAL URANIUM; AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS
ON ENERGY ENRICHMENT AND CHEMICAL REPROCESSING

1. GOI PROPOSED, VIA WASHINGTON EMBASSY, SENDING DELEGATIONS TO US IN FIRST TEN DAYS OF AUGUST TO MEET WITH US PARTICIPANTS IN SUBGROUP ON NATURAL URANIUM AND AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND CHEMICAL REPROCESSING. THE SUB-GROUP AND THE AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS WERE AGREED TO AT LAST EWG MEETING, JUNE 28.

2. WE ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE ITALIAN DELEGATION DURING PROPOSED AUGUST 1 - 10 PERIOD BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING

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PROBLEMS US PERSONNEL INVOLVED. WE SUGGEST INSTEAD THAT

BOTH SUBGROUP MEETING AND AD-HOC DISCUSSION TAKE PLACE
LAST WEEK OF AUGUST (25-29) PRIOR TO ONE-DAY EWG MEETING
FIRST WEEK SEPTEMBER (2-5). WE REALIZE THAT FIRST WEEK
SEPTEMBER CONFLICTS WITH UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AND IS
SHORTENED BY US HOLIDAY.

3. ITALIAN MEMBERS OF SUBGROUP ON NATURAL URANIUM SHOULD
COME PREPARED TO FULLY DISCUSS THEIR NEEDS, PLANS, AND
PROGRAMS. TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD BE THOSE LISTED

UNDER NATURAL URANIUM ON EWG AGENDA (SEE PARA 8) IN
ADDITION TO FULL DISCUSSION OF US AND ITALIAN PROGRAMS
AND RESOURCES, WE ALSO WILL ARRANGE
VISIT ERDA FIELD OFFICE IN GRA JUNCTION, COLORADO IF
THEY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL. SUCH A VISIT WOULD
PROVIDE THEM WITH OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE FIRST HAND
EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIES, RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND TO REVIEW
URANIUM ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES USED BY USG.

4. AGENDA FOR AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE AS INCLUDED
UNDER ENRICHED URANIUM AND REPROCESSING AND WASTE
MANAGEMENT OF EWG AGENDA. IN US PRESENTATION ITALIANS
WILL BE BRIEFED BY ERDA ON ITS OWN PROGRAMS, THE ACTIVITIES
OF US FIRMS, AND ITS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO OVERSEAS
CUSTOMERS. WE ALSO COULD ARRANGE MEETINGS FOR DELEGATION
WITH PRIVATE US COMPANIES POTENTIALLY INVOLVED IN
PROVIDING FUTURE URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES, IF THIS IS
DEEMED USEFUL BY ITALIANS. THIS IS IN ACCORD WITH US
POLICY ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT ON JUNE 26.

5. IN ORDER THAT DISCUSSIONS BE AS FRUITFUL AS POSSIBLE,
ITALIANS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FULLY THEIR
NEEDS AND PROGRAMS. THIS INCLUDES, INTER-ALIA, DATA ON
ARRANGED-FOR DELIVERIES OF SEPARATIVE WORK UNITS (SWU)
UNDER EXISTING CONTRACTS, WITH US, EURODIF AND USSR.

6. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ITALIANS MAY EXPECT MORE
FROM AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS ON ENRICHMENT AND CHEMICAL
REPROCESSING THAN WE CAN PROVIDE. WHILE WE WANT TO BE
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AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE, WE ARE LEGALLY CONSTRAINED
FROM DIRECTLY PROVIDING THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER THEY
APPARENTLY WANT. WE HAVE ALREADY OUTLINED TO ITALIANS
IN JUNE EWG MEETING OUR LIMITS ON THIS SUBJECT.

7. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR SEPT. EWG MEETING SHOWN ITALIANS
AT JUNE 30 - JULY 1 IEA GB MEETING IN PARIS. ITALIANS
SUGGESTED SOME MODIFICATIONS, WHICH WE ACCEPT IN

PRINCIPLE. FOLLOWING IS AGENDA, WITH ITALIAN MODIFICATIONS, WHICH WE NOW BELIEVE SHOULD SERVE AS AGREED AGENDA FOR EWG MEETING. WE ANTICIPATE THAT NATURAL URANIUM TOPIC WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL BY NATURAL URANIUM SUBGROUP AND ENRICHED URANIUM AND REPROCESSING, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY AD-HOC DISCUSSION GROUP. WORK OF THESE TWO GROUPS WILL BE REVIEWED BY EWG.

8. PROPOSED EWG AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. NATURAL URANIUM.

1. ITALIAN PROGRAM

A. REACTOR SCHEDULE

B. NATURAL URANIUM REQUIREMENTS

C. DETAILS OF ITALIAN NATURAL URANIUM SITUATION.

(NOTE: US ASSUMES THAT THIS COVERS (A) EXISTING ITALIAN CONTRACTS FOR URANIUM AND (B) EXISTING ITALIANS VENTURES IN URANIUM EXPLORATION AND EXTENT OF RESERVES (IF ANY) CONTROLLED BY ITALY.)
EMBASSY: THE LANGUAGE IN PARENTHESIS WAS IN ORIGINAL US DRAFT AGENDA BUT MODIFIED BY ITALIANS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT ITALIANS MUST BE FORTHCOMING ON DETAILS THEIR CONTRACTS, PROGRAMS, AND RESERVES IF OUR BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THIS AREA IS TO BE FRUITFUL.

2. DETAILS OF US NATURAL URANIUM SITUATION AND NATURAL URANIUM RESOURCES EVALUATION PROGRAM (NURE).

3. REVIEW OF US URANIUM EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY

4. REVIEW OF WORLDWIDE NATURAL URANIUM SITUATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. TECHNOLOGY FOR RECOVERY OF LOW GRADE ORES

6. REVIEW OF US STOCKPILE SITUATION AND RELATED POLICIES

7. OVERVIEW OF US URANIUM EXPLORATION AND MINING INDUSTRY STRUCTURE

8. IEA PROGRAM

9. POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES.

B. ENRICHED URANIUM

1. ITALIAN NEEDS FOR SWU AND EXISTING CONTRACTS

2. A) COMPANIES INTERESTED IN BUILDING ENRICHMENT CAPACITY

B) STATUS OF US ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY

C) POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

C. REPROCESSING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. STATUS OF US PROGRAM
2. IEA PROGRAM
3. POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

D. FINANCING

NOTE: ITALIANS PROMISED TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON
FINANCIAL ISSUES BY MID-JULY. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT
RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION.

9. ACTION. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM MFA ENERGY
COORDINATOR MIGLIUOLO OF OUR INABILITY TO RECEIVE ITALIAN
DELEGATIONS IN FIRST TEN DAYS OF AUGUST AS PROPOSED AND
PRESENT OUR SUGGESTION THAT SUBGROUP AND AD-HOC DISCUSS-
IONS TAKE PLACE WEEK OF AUGUST 25-29 PRIOR TO EWG
MEETING DURING WEEK OF SEPT. 2-5. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO
PRESENT MIGLIUOLO WITH ABOVE AGENDA AND CONFIRM THAT IT
IS AGREED AGENDA FOR EWG AND FOR SUBGROUP MEETING AND
AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS. WITH REGARD TO AD-HOC DISCUSSIONS,
PLEASE DESCRIBE TO MIGLIUOLO OUR PLANNED PRESENTATION
FORMAT AS GIVEN IN PARA 4 AND EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR THEM
TO COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEIR NEEDS AND PROGRAMS.
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RE SABGROUP, SUBSTANCE PARA 3 SHOULD ALSO BE CONVEYED.
ALSO INFORM MIGLIUOLO THAT ENDERS UNABLE TO HAVE WORKING
LUNCH WITH HIM JULY 28 DURING IEA GB MEETING IN PARIS
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